

HOUSE No. 2658

By Mr. Casey of Winchester, petition of Paul C. Casey for legislation to require physicians to provide forms to patients describing the course of treatment. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT REQUIRING CERTAIN INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED TO HOSPITAL PATIENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002
- 2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 70F
- 3 the following section:—
- 4 Section 70G. A patient in a hospital shall, except in an emer-
- 5 gency situation, prior to undergoing any medical procedure be
- 6 given, in written form, an outline signed by a physician rendering
- 7 treatment to said patient and by a representative of the hospital,
- 8 stating in general terms the care and services said patient can rea-
- 9 sonably expect before, during and after such procedure.